clusively reserved for the Scheduled Tribes of Nagaland; and

(b) if so, whether Central Government have decided to withdraw the Bill introduced in Parliament ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes ,Sir.

(b) The Election Laws (Reservations of Seats for the Scheduled Tribes in certain North-Eastern States and Union Territories) Amendment Bill, 1986 was introduced in Lok Sabha on the 14th August, 1986. Since then the Governments of Meghalaya and Nagaland have requested for further consideration of some of the aspects of the Bill, these are under consideration and further processing of the Bill has been deferred or the time being.

Reservation of seats in Sikkim Assembly

2676. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Sikkim was consulted before the Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1951 by Act 8 of 1980 regarding representation of different linguistic communities of Sikkim was introduced; and

(b) if so, what were the views expressed by the State Government of Sikkim in this regard and whether Government of Sikkim had consented to do away with the parity system as contemplated in Article 371F (b) (i) of the Constitution of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Act No. 8 of 1980 was enacted by Parliament in pursuance of clause (f) of article 371F of the Constitution and due consideration had been given to the guidelines mentioned in that clause. The State Government of Sikkim had been consulted and they had agreed to the proposed amendments although the clause does not specifically require such consultation.

Appointment of SC/ST candidates selected for posts of office Superintendent in HMT

2677. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA :
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that candidate belonging to SC/ST selected for the post of office superintendent have not been given appointment so far in Hindustan Machine Tools; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not appointing them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the company, there is only one case where once SC employee of the Lamp Division of HMT who was considered for promotion to the post of Office Superintendent but could not be issued with promotion orders because of the general ban during 1986-87 on creation of posts, recruitments and promotions on account of unsatisfactory financial position of the unit.

Ban on creation of posts and promotions in Lamp Division of HMT

2678. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA :
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Mechines Tools has banned creation of

posts and promotion of personnel to the higher grades in their Lamp Division at Hyderabad due to continued losses suffered by it; and

(b) whether it is a fact that such ban is not in force for the posts in management cadres ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) There is a general ban on creation of posts, recruitments and promotions in the Lamp Division of HMT for the year 1986-87 in view of its unsatisfactory financial position.

(b) No, Sir.

Production of Synthetic Fibre

2679. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) how many licences have been given for the manufacture of synthetic fibres during the last two years;

(b) what is the total prouction thereof; and

(c) how far it is going to affect the cotton consumption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Four Industrial Licences have been issued for manufacture of Polyester Staple Fibre and Acrylic Fibre during 1985 and 1986 (upto October, 1986).

(b) The total production of Polyester Staple Fibre and Acrylic Fibre (from existing plants) during 1984-85 and 1985-86 was as follows :—

(in tonnes)

	1984-85	1985-86
Polyester Staple Fibre	38970	42806
Acrylic Fibre	20960	23000

(c) The production of synthetic fibre is not likely to adversely affect the cotton consumption.

मध्य प्रदेश को मिट्टी के तेल का आबंटन

@2679क. श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने मिट्टी के तेल का राज्यवार कितना मासिक कोटा आबंटित किया है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश के लिए आबंटित कोटा इसकी वास्तविक मांग को पूरा करने के लिए बहुत कम है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश के मिट्टी के तेल के कोटे में वृद्धि करने की संभावना है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बूटा बत्त) : (क) शीतकालीन ब्लाक, जिसमें नवम्बर, 1986 से फरवरी, 1987 के महीने शामिल हैं, उसमें राज्यों और संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को किये गये किरासन के आबंटन को दर्शाने वाला विवरण पत्र संलग्न है। (नीचे देखिए)

(ख) और (ग) जी नहीं, तथापि बढ़ी हुई मांग को पूरा करने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश को शीतकालीन ब्लाक में 27,552 टन प्रतिमास किरासन तेल का आबंटन किया गया है, जबकि पिछले वर्ष की इसी अवधि में उसे 25,000 टन का आबंटन किया गया था।

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